

REMARKS

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Election mailed February 7, 2006 in the above-identified patent application, the claims are hereby amended to incorporate sequence ID numbers and to correct minor matters of form.

Applicants wish to express their gratitude for the cordial telephone interview accorded their undersigned counsel by Examiner Woodward on February 15, 2006 to clarify the objection to the previously submitted Reply, and for the subsequent written interview summary which accurately sets forth the substance of the interview. The Examiner's helpful assistance and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Applicants hereby reiterate their provisional election of the claims of Group I and election of the species of SEQ ID NO:18, with traverse, and incorporate by reference the reasons for traversal set forth in the paper filed November 30, 2005.

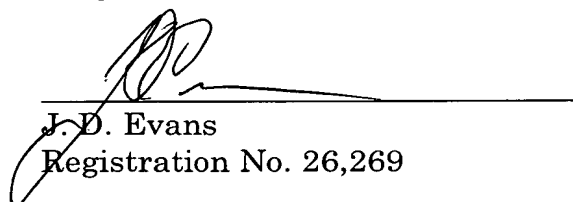
Favorable action on the application is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #100042.55084US).

Respectfully submitted,

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